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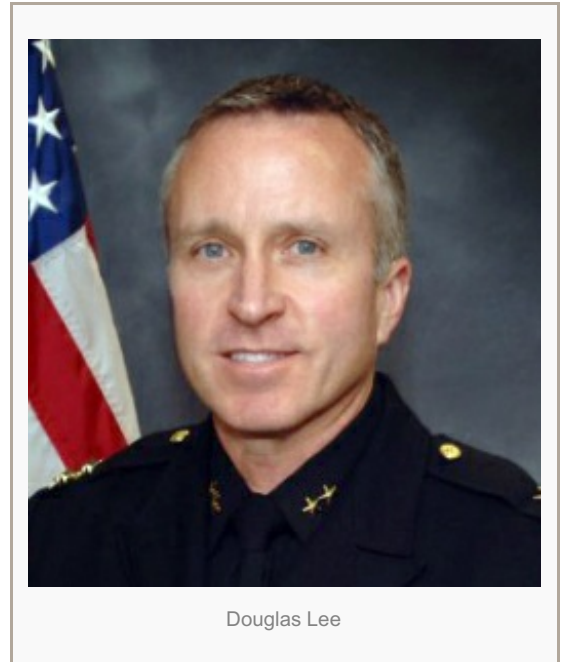
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Center for Homeland Defense and Security [master's degree](#) graduate Doug Lee has worked an array of intelligence and homeland security-related assignments in his 31-year law enforcement career and is taking his education and experience to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, where he will serve as the Chief Deputy of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security.

In this role, he will also serve as the Commander of the State Threat Assessment Center (STAC), the state's primary fusion center.

"With my firm belief in the fusion center mission, my years of law enforcement experience, 22 of which were in leadership roles, and the education and experience I gained at NPS, I felt that this was the perfect opportunity," Lee said.

The new job oversees several statewide homeland security initiatives including Critical Infrastructure Protection, California's Port and Maritime Security Program, and international and domestic terrorism programs. As STAC Commander, he's additionally tasked with information sharing and collaboration with state fusion centers, joint terrorism task forces (JTTF's) and other federal agencies. In August, Gov. Jerry Brown signed an executive order expanding OES' duties in the form of the Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC).



Douglas Lee

In a little more than three decades with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Lee held numerous security-related positions as well as roles that necessitated interagency collaboration. Those assignments include a two-year stint working at the county jail where he established an intelligence program, supervising the Sheriff's Department employees who worked at the Central California Intelligence Center, and serving as the commander of the Sheriff's Department's division at the Sacramento International Airport where he closely worked with federal agencies.

"My interest in the homeland security enterprise grew, and after promoting to Chief Deputy, I became responsible for our employees assigned to the Central California Intelligence Center (the fusion center serving the Eastern District of California). It was during that time that I applied for and was accepted into the CHDS Master's program."

Lee's studies of the multiple aspects of homeland security provided him with an understanding of the complex nature of the discipline. The STAC's wide-ranging mission involves crafting tailored intelligence such as international and domestic terrorism; transnational crime, criminal gangs, cyber crimes and threats posed to critical infrastructure. Serving as the state's primary fusion center, it is part of a larger State Threat Assessment System working in concert with locally owned, regional fusion centers in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento and San Diego.

"My number one goal is to ensure that the entire State Threat Assessment System (STAS) is working as effectively and efficiently as possible, and that our efforts continue to remain in line with the vision set forth by California Office of Emergency Services Director Mark Ghilarducci (who also serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor)," Lee noted. "As the commander of the STAC, I will ensure that the staff has the training, equipment, access and support to effectively do their job. We have some incredibly talented employees with diverse backgrounds who do an outstanding job for us."

While at CHDS Lee reinforced his experience with his thesis, "[Prison Radicalization in County Jails: Disrupting](#)

[Terrorist Acts Through Information Sharing](#),” exploring the impacts of California’s plan to de-crowd prisons by sending inmates to county jails and how that could push inmate radicalization to local communities.

For a multi-faceted job like this, he said the diverse [CHDS curriculum](#) covered many of the jobs priorities, especially courses on Intelligence, Critical Infrastructure, Technology, and Comparative Government. He made special note of instructors Carolyn Halladay and Pat Miller for their counsel.

“Doug’s law enforcement background and insight into intelligence and critical thinking will be a great benefit to the Office of Emergency Services and the fusion center enterprise,” Miller said.

In fact, Lee believes a CHDS degree was a major factor in his hiring.

“The CHDS Master’s program is very well-respected and I’m certain that mention of it on my resume helped me secure an interview,” he said. “I believe the hiring authority recognized that my learning curve was likely diminished by my participation in the program.”

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